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SUBJECT: SECVISIT/ CENTO: SECRETARY' S OPENING SPEECH

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1. IN HIS OPENING SPEECH BEFORE CENTO CONFERENCE, SECRETARY DEVOTED FOUR PARAGRAPHS TO MIDDLE EAST, APPARENTLY ONLY THE LAST OF WHICH WAS QUOTED IN TEHRAN 4016. PRECEDING THREE PARAGRAPHS FROM ORIGINAL DRAFT OF OUTGOING USINFO WHICH WAS CONVERTED TO REGULAR STATE TELEGRAM IN SECTO SERIES FOLLOW. THE ORIGINAL DRAFT WAS TAKEN FROM TAPED RECORDING MADE WHEN SPEECH WAS DELIVERED.

2. QTE I LOOK FORWARD TO MY DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU ON THE ARAB- ISRAELI CONFLICT, TOO, BECAUSE THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST REMAINS TENUOUS AND FRAGILE -- ALTHOUGH WE ARE APPROACHING THREE YEARS OF CEASEFIRE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL. DURING THE FIRST MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WE HAVE VIGOROUSLY PURSUED A SERIES OF DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT WHAT IS REQUIRED IS THE BEGINNING OFNS SERIOUS AND GENUINE NEGOTIATING PROCESS BETWEEN THE PARTIES. IT IS WITHIN A NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK THAT THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES IT CAN BE

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MOST HELPFUL TO THE PARTIES IN ACHIEVING THE AGREEMENT CALLED FOR BY THE SEPTEMBER 1967 RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS -- A RESOLUTION WHICH NEITHER ENDORSED NOR PRECLUDED THE PRE- JUNE 1967 LINES AS THE FINAL LINES.

3. QTE THE MAIN QUESTION FACING THE PARTIES IS HOW TO RECONCILE THE PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGNTY ON THE ONE HAND AND THE NEEDS OF SECURITY ON THE OTHER. THESE ARE BOTH LEGITIMATE AND UNDERSTANDABLE CONCERNS OF THE PARTIES IN THE AREA. IT IS NOT UNIMPORTANT THAT BOTH SIDES YET MAIN COMMITTED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242, REGARDLESS OF THEIR DIFFERING INTERPRETATIONS. FOR THIS REASON, THE UNITED STATES WILL DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO HELP ASSURE THAT THE DELICATE BALANCE OF THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE CURRENT PROCEEDINGS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL.

4. QTE WE CONTINUE TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE RESOLUTION. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST THE PARTIES IN MAKING PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE -- A PEACE THAT MEETS THE LEGITIMATE CONCERNS OF ALL OF THE STATES AND PEOPLES OF THE AREA, INCLUDING THE PALESTINIANS.

END QTE
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